Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They have not yet excavated the entire channel and so only a small acreage is irrigated.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—Is it not a fact that this work was taken up in 1943 to provide employment to labour?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Yes.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—Will they pursue this matter even if it irrigates only 50 acres?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Yes.

Settlement of Border Disputes with respective Governments.

Q.—760. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on the floor of this House that the Mysore Government would settle the issue of border areas affecting the Mysore State with the various Governments concerned in the Zonal Councils;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister also announced that he was in correspondence with the respective Governments and the Central Government regarding these border issues;

(*c*) the specific disputed border areas affecting the Mysore State;

(*d*) the proposals of the Government to settle the border issues with the Government of Madras, Kerala and Andhra?

A.— Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Chief Minister has not in his speech made any reference to the Zonal Councils.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Claims and counter-claims exist all along the borders.

(*d*) By negotiation and understanding.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In reply to (*a*) it is stated that no reference has been made in the Chief Minister's speech to Zonal Councils. Is it not a fact that he has made a reference to the question of border readjustments in his speech here?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is very difficult to remember all that, but I can very well say what I know of the subject that references have been made to the position regarding boundary disputes and steps are being taken to resolve them.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister has written to the Chief Minister of Bombay regarding Belgaum and other Marathi border areas and if so, to what effect?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The matter is under correspondence.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—When does the Hon'ble Chief Minister intend to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bombay to discuss this matter?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Very likely by the end of this month.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Is the Government aware that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bombay had assured in the Bombay State Assembly that the Bombay Government would raise the issue of border areas in the Western Zonal Council and that he would take the House into his confidence in regard to this matter?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not aware of that statement.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In view of that statement by the Bombay Chief Minister, may I know whether the Mysore Government will take this House into their confidence so far as the border area is concerned?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It all depends upon the outcome of the talks.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Part (*c*) of my question is a specific one but the answer to that is not specific. May I know whether the Government considers Akalkot, south Sholapur and Jath as border disputes?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I have said that there are claims and counter-claims all along the line. What is the use of referring to one or two areas only? There are a number of areas besides those mentioned by my Hon'ble friend.